

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. AT NEUTRA HOUSE, 181 HILLVIEW AVENUE, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE

PRESENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Chair), Bill Crook, Jim Fenton, Chris Hlavka, Wes Brinsfield, Karl Danz, Richard Baer of Traffic Commission and Kathy Small - City Staff Liaison

Member of the public: Karen "KJ" Janowski

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Janowski had several comments related to safety concerns, and her work with Bill Crook related to crossing guards.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Committee Member Jim Fenton, seconded by Committee Chair Suzanne Ambiel, and passed 5-0, with 1 abstention, the following items were approved:

1. Committee Minutes
Approval of minutes – regular meeting of June 15, 2011, contingent upon several minor corrections being made prior to publication – Passed 5-0 (Bill Crook abstaining, as he was not present at June meeting).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Suzanne Ambiel announced that Vice Chair Carl Hagenmaier has resigned from the Los Altos BPAC, and also from the County (VTA) BPAC. A new Vice Chair will need to be selected.

2. Evaluation of the Class III and Prioritize the Projects in the Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP)
 - The committee discussed the criteria by which to evaluate the proposed Class III bikeways
 - Jim Fenton expressed concerns regarding the safety of some of the proposed routes
 - Motion to accept Class III list as is, with the proviso that when they come up for action (e.g., CIP) we further evaluate the safety and benefit at that time. Motion by Wes Brinsfield, second by Bill Crook, and passed 5-1 (Jim Fenton voting "no")
 - Motion that work on project prioritization (Table 5-1) be deferred until projects are brought to the BPAC by City Staff in CIP. Motion by Chair Suzanne Ambiel, second by Jim Fenton, and passed 6-0.

3. Pedestrian Safety Assessment by ITS Berkeley Tech Transfer
 - Committee continued review and discussion regarding the findings
 - Motion to accept the report, and forward to the Traffic Commission as is, with a cover letter to be written by Bill Crook requesting a meeting between the consultants and the Los Altos School District. Motion by Jim Fenton, second by Chair Suzanne Ambiel, and passed 6-0.
4. League of American Bicyclists “Bicycle Friendly Community” Bronze designation
 - Suzanne needs to send photos to Kathy
 - Discussed possible locations for the two signs and possibility of purchasing a third sign:
 - Southbound San Antonio, near El Camino Real
 - Northbound San Antonio, near Foothill or Cuesta
 - Westbound Fremont Ave., near Fallen Leaf
 - Recommendations in LAB report will be worked in four categories:
 - Short-term
 - Medium-term
 - Long-term – Policy
 - Long-term – Staff decisions
 - Defer until August decision whether to drive BFC items in main BPAC meetings, or whether to form a sub-committee
5. Evaluation of BPAC and Traffic Commission (TC) performance
 - Mike Gallagher wrote a report following a meeting in February, which so far has been internal
 - Motion to accept the report, with a cover letter to be written by Jim Fenton, and forward to the Traffic Commission for their review, endorsement and action. Motion by Chair Suzanne Ambiel, second by Chris Hlavka, and passed 5-0, with 1 abstention.
6. Bikeways in the City of Los Altos
 - (deferred to a future meeting)
7. Council Study Session for Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP)
 - BPAC members noted that the Study Session with the City Council was a positive meeting, and appreciated the positive feedback from the Council
 - One council member stated that they thought the process of producing the BTP was going to include reviewing all the Safe Routes to School (which was not planned as part of the effort)
8. Mountain View/Los Altos BPAC Network
 - Chair Suzanne Ambiel met with Mountain View BPAC member Jerri-Ann Meyer
 - BPAC decided not to do anything at this.
9. Traffic Commission update
 - Bill Crook provided an update regarding recent Traffic Commission activity
10. Valley Transportation Authority, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee update
 - (no meeting last month)
 - BPAC will need to select someone to attend the monthly VTA meeting

11. Capital Improvement Projects update

- Staff liaison Kathy Small provided an update regarding CIPs in progress

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Suzanne Ambiel called for the next meeting to be held Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Elect a VTA Representative and a New Vice Chair
2. Evaluate the League of American Bicyclists Feedback
3. Prioritize the Priority Projects Proposed in the Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP)
4. Traffic Commission Update
5. VTA Update
6. CIP Update

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.